

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

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PAN CARDS

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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Biometric card will be affordable for Income tax assesses ;
- (b) if so, the price at which the same is likely to be provided; and
- (c) the time by which it is likely to be implemented ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM)

- (a) and (b) The Government is examining the feasibility of introducing biometric features in the Permanent Account Number (PAN) System, including the issue of pricing and affordability of biometric PAN Cards.
- (c) Time frame for implementation cannot be indicated as the matter is still under examination.